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⁴ Richard Russell was the Minority Staff Director from March 29, 2012, until January 2, 2013. His term followed Todd Bertson (July 6, 2011–March 28, 2012), Brian M. Hendricks (May 2, 2011–July 5, 2011), and Ann Begeman (January 1, 2011–May 1, 2011).

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and
Transportation, submitted the following:

REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

SUMMARY

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation conducted a legislative and oversight program during the 112th Congress. A total of 217 bills and resolutions, 1,274 nominations, and 2,667 executive communications were referred to the Committee for consideration.

The Committee and its subcommittees held a total of 79 public hearings, including 7 nominations hearings and 4 oversight hearings during the 112th Congress. The Committee also held 9 Executive Sessions, and filed 30 Committee Reports.

Action was completed on a broad range of oversight, legislative, and executive matters. A total of 37 bills and 4 resolutions were reported or discharged by the Committee.

Members and staff made individual trips abroad and participated in conferences, further exercising the legislative oversight responsibilities of the Committee.

JURISDICTION

Pursuant to Rule XXV(1)(f)(1) of the Standing Rules of the United States Senate, all proposed legislation, messages, petitions, memorials, and other matters relating to the following subjects are referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

1. Coast Guard.
2. Coastal zone management.
3. Communications.
4. Highway Safety.
5. Inland waterways, except construction.
6. Interstate commerce.

7. Marine and ocean navigation, safety, and transportation, including navigational aspects of deepwater ports.
8. Marine fisheries.
9. Merchant marine and navigation.
10. Nonmilitary aeronautical and space sciences.
11. Oceans, weather, and atmospheric activities.
12. Panama Canal and interoceanic canals generally, except as provided in subparagraph (c) of Rule XXV(1).
13. Regulation of consumer products and services, including testing related to toxic substances, other than pesticides, and except for credit, financial services, and housing.
14. Regulation of interstate common carriers, including railroads, buses, trucks, vessels, pipelines, and civil aviation.
15. Science, engineering, and technology research and development and policy.
16. Sports.
17. Standards and measurement.
18. Transportation.
19. Transportation and commerce aspects of Outer Continental Shelf lands.

A. Legislation

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Bills:	
Referred to Committee	210
Original measures from Committee	0
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Total	210
Reported/Discharged	37
Reported/Discharged and Enacted	9
*Reported/Discharged	
**Reported/Discharged and Enacted	

Number	Title as Introduced
H.R.295	To amend the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998 to authorize funds to acquire hydrographic data and provide hydrographic services specific to the Arctic for safe navigation, delineating the United States extended continental shelf, and the monitoring and description of coastal changes.
H.R.897	To provide authority and sanction for the granting and issuance of programs for residential and commuter toll, user fee and fare discounts by States, municipalities, other localities, and all related agencies and departments, and for other purposes.
H.R.1076	To prohibit Federal funding of National Public Radio and the use of Federal funds to acquire radio content.
H.R.1171	To reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act.
H.R.1343	To return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States.

Number	Title as Introduced
H.R.1447	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, and for other purposes.
H.R.1801**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces. (P.L. 112—86)
H.R.2087	To remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia.
H.R.2096	To advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.
H.R.2594	To prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes.
H.R.2838**	To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 through 2015, and for other purposes. (P.L. 112—213)
H.R.3173	To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for the enrollment, activation, issuance, and renewal of a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) to require, in total, not more than one in-person visit to a designated enrollment center.
H.R.3309	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission.
H.R.3310	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.
H.R.3670**	To require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. (P.L. 112—171)
H.R.3834	To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991 to authorize activities for support of networking and information technology research, and for other purposes.
H.R.4212**	To designate drywall manufactured in China a banned hazardous product, and for other purposes. (P.L. 112—266)
H.R.4251	To authorize, enhance, and reform certain port security programs through increased efficiency and risk-based coordination within the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.
H.R.5797	To amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota, and for other purposes.
H.R.5859**	To repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting. (P.L. 112—252)
H.R.5865	To promote the growth and competitiveness of American manufacturing.
H.R.6028	To authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes.
H.R.6612	To redesignate the Dryden Flight Research Center as the Neil A. Armstrong Flight Research Center and the Western Aeronautical Test Range as the Hugh L. Dryden Aeronautical Test Range.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.28	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide public safety providers an additional 10 megahertz of spectrum to support a national, interoperable wireless broadband network and authorize the Federal Communications Commission to hold incentive auctions to provide funding to support such a network, and for other purposes.
S.46*	To reauthorize the Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000, and for other purposes.
S.50*	To strengthen Federal consumer product safety programs and activities with respect to commercially marketed seafood by directing the Secretary of Commerce to coordinate with the Federal Trade Commission and other appropriate Federal agencies to strengthen and coordinate those programs and activities.
S.52*	To establish uniform administrative and enforcement procedures and penalties for the enforcement of the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act and similar statutes, and for other purposes.
S.69	To amend the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 to exclude secondary sales, repair services, and certain vehicles from the ban on lead in children's products, and for other purposes.
S.74	To preserve the free and open nature of the Internet, expand the benefits of broadband, and promote universally available and affordable broadband service.
S.116	To provide for the establishment, on-going validation, and utilization of an official set of data on the historical temperature record, and for other purposes.
S.152	To amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure the availability of dual fueled automobiles and light duty trucks, and for other purposes.
S.158	To reauthorize the Surface Transportation Board, and for other purposes.
S.179*	To expand the boundaries of the Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes.
S.183*	To clarify the applicability of certain maritime laws with respect to the blowout and explosion of the mobile offshore drilling unit Deepwater Horizon.
S.203	To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to institute research into the special circumstances associated with oil spill prevention and response in Arctic waters, including assessment of impacts on Arctic marine mammals and other wildlife, marine debris research and removal, and risk assessment, and for other purposes.
S.234	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation and to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of United States energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.
S.238	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to require that fishery impact statements be updated each year and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.275*	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes.
S.297	To amend section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934 to provide that funds received as universal service contributions and the universal service support programs established pursuant to that section are not subject to certain provisions of title 31, United States Code, commonly known as the Antideficiency Act.
S.301	To amend title 49, United States Code, to make technical and minor modifications to the positive train control requirements under chapter 201.
S.305	To repeal a prohibition on the use of certain funds for the termination of the Constellation program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
S.318	To increase the use of security cameras at airport security screening checkpoints and exits, to impose increased penalties on individuals who circumvent security screening at airports, and for other purposes.
S.326	To amend title 49, United States Code, to establish national purposes and goals for the Federal surface transportation activities and programs and create a national surface transportation plan.
S.330	To prohibit the sale of any product to a consumer that is subject to a recall, and for other purposes.
S.346	To provide authority and sanction for the granting and issuance of programs for residential and commuter toll, user fee and fare discounts by States, municipalities, other localities, and all related agencies and departments, and for other purposes.
S.363**	To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes. (P.L. 112—134)
S.371	To improve the efficiency, operation, and security of the national transportation system to move freight by leveraging investments and promoting partnerships that advance interstate and foreign commerce, and for other purposes.
S.372	To reduce the ability of terrorists, spies, criminals, and other malicious actors to compromise, disrupt, damage, and destroy computer networks, critical infrastructure, and key resources, and for other purposes.
S.415	To provide the FCC with authority to conduct incentive auctions, and for other purposes.
S.422	To improve consumer access to passenger vehicle loss data held by insurers, and for other purposes.
S.453*	To improve the safety of motorcoaches, and for other purposes.
S.455	To promote development and opportunity with regards to spectrum occupancy and use, and for other purposes.
S.485*	To expand the boundaries of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve, and for other purposes.
S.492	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit Federal funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting after fiscal year 2013.

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S.510	To prevent drunk driving injuries and fatalities, and for other purposes.
S.522	To clarify the rights and responsibilities of Federal entities in the spectrum relocation process, and for other purposes.
S.562	To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to establish national safety standards for transit agencies operating heavy rail on fixed guideway.
S.592	To amend title 46, United States Code, to remove the cap on punitive damages established by the Supreme Court in <i>Exxon Shipping Company v. Baker</i> .
S.601	To encourage and ensure the use of safe football helmets and for other purposes.
S.608	To provide limitations on maritime liens on fishing licenses and for other purposes.
S.611	To provide greater technical resources to FCC Commissioners.
S.632	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to extend the authorized period for rebuilding of certain overfished fisheries, and for other purposes.
S.646*	To reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes.
S.670	To authorize States and their political subdivisions to regulate fuel economy and emissions standards for taxicabs.
S.673	To require the conveyance of the decommissioned Coast Guard Cutter STORIS.
S.692*	To improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative, and for other purposes.
S.695	To require the use of electronic on-board recording devices in motor carriers to improve compliance with hours of service regulations.
S.732	To improve billing disclosures to cellular telephone consumers.
S.751	To require the Secretary of Commerce to develop a comprehensive national manufacturing strategy, and for other purposes.
S.753	To require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development to establish an early-stage business investment and incubation grant program, and for other purposes.
S.754	To amend title 49, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish and maintain a national clearinghouse for records relating to alcohol and controlled substance testing of commercial motor vehicle operators, and for other purposes.
S.799	To establish a regulatory framework for the comprehensive protection of personal data for individuals under the aegis of the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes.
S.886	To amend the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978 to prohibit the use of performance-enhancing drugs in horseracing, and for other purposes.

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S.909	To amend title 49, United States Code, to permit certain revenues of private providers of public transportation by vanpool received from providing public transportation to be used for the purpose of acquiring rolling stock, and to permit certain expenditures of private vanpool contractors to be credited toward the local matching share of the costs of public transportation projects, and for other purposes.
S.911*	To establish the sense of Congress that Congress should enact, and the President should sign, bipartisan legislation to strengthen public safety and to enhance wireless communications.
S.913	To require the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe regulations regarding the collection and use of personal information obtained by tracking the online activity of an individual, and for other purposes.
S.918	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out programs and activities to improve highway safety.
S.936	To establish the American Infrastructure Investment Fund and other activities to facilitate investments in infrastructure projects that significantly enhance the economic competitiveness of the United States by improving economic output, productivity, or competitive commercial advantage, and for other purposes.
S.942	To provide for improved investment in national transportation infrastructure.
S.962*	To reauthorize the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Act to promote the protection of the resources of the Northwest Straits, and for other purposes.
S.973	To create the National Endowment for the Oceans to promote the protection and conservation of the United States ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes ecosystems, and for other purposes.
S.1040	To enhance public safety by making more spectrum available to public safety entities, to facilitate the development of a public safety broadband network, to provide standards for the spectrum needs of public safety entities, and for other purposes.
S.1066	To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow importation of polar bear trophies taken in sport hunts in Canada before the date on which the polar bear was determined to be a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
S.1092	To address aviation security in the United States by bolstering passenger and air cargo screening procedures, to ensure that purchases of screening technologies are thoroughly evaluated for the best return on investment of the taxpayer's money, and for other purposes.
S.1119*	To reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, and for other purposes.
S.1140	To provide for restoration of the coastal areas of the Gulf of Mexico affected by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and for other purposes.
S.1152	To advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes.

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S.1165	To protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate consumer product safety standards to require child-resistant closures on remote controls and other consumer products that use such batteries, and for other purposes.
S.1176	To amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.
S.1207	To protect consumers by requiring reasonable security policies and procedures to protect data containing personal information, and to provide for nationwide notice in the event of a security breach.
S.1216	To waive the requirement that existing traffic signs meet minimum retroreflectivity standards on or before the compliance dates established by the Federal Highway Administration.
S.1230	To secure public investments in transportation infrastructure.
S.1247	To develop and recruit new, high-value jobs to the United States, to encourage the repatriation of jobs that have been off-shored to other countries, and for other purposes.
S.1281	To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the transportation of horses in interstate transportation in a motor vehicle containing two or more levels stacked on top of one another.
S.1288	To exempt certain class A CDL drivers from the requirement to obtain a hazardous material endorsement while operating a service vehicle with a fuel tank containing 3,785 liters (1,000 gallons) or less of diesel fuel.
S.1304	To make funds available to reimburse certain fishermen for legal fees and costs incurred in connection with improper fines and for other purposes.
S.1307*	To authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey real property, including improvements, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Ketchikan, Alaska, and for other purposes.
S.1312	To strengthen and improve monitoring in the fisheries across the United States and for other purposes.
S.1335**	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes. (P.L. 112—153)
S.1371	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to add Rhode Island to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council.
S.1374	To direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting deceptive advertising of abortion services.
S.1401*	To conserve wild Pacific salmon, and for other purposes.
S.1402	To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to increase the maximum penalty for violating that Act.
S.1422	To establish a grant program in the Department of Transportation to improve the traffic safety of teen drivers.
S.1430*	To authorize certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.
S.1433	To pay personnel compensation and benefits for employees of the Federal Aviation Administration.

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S.1445	To designate certain conduct by car and truck rental companies relating to motor vehicle safety defects and recalls as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission, and for other purposes.
S.1448	To exempt off-highway vehicles from the ban on lead in children's products, and for other purposes.
S.1449*	To authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes.
S.1450	To amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the establishment of a commercial truck safety program, and for other purposes.
S.1451	To prohibit the sale of billfish.
S.1453	To amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to allow the transport, purchase, and sale of pelts of, and handicrafts, garments, and art produced from, Southcentral and Southeast Alaska northern sea otters that are taken for subsistence purposes.
S.1457	To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Made In America Block Grant Program, and for other purposes.
S.1459	To prohibit air carriers from charging a fee for the transportation of checked baggage by members of the Armed Forces traveling to or from an overseas contingency operation.
S.1477	To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prevent the dissemination to the public of certain information with respect to noncommercial flights of private aircraft owners and operators.
S.1496	To amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit the delegation by the United States of inspection, certification, and related services to a foreign classification society that provides comparable services to Iran, North Korea, North Sudan, or Syria, and for other purposes.
S.1499	To direct the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate a rule to improve the daytime and nighttime visibility of agricultural equipment that may be operated on a public road.
S.1502	To restore public trust in pipeline safety, and for other purposes.
S.1536	To require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.
S.1603	To enable transportation fuel competition, consumer choice, and greater use of domestic energy sources in order to reduce our Nation's dependence on foreign oil.
S.1620	To ensure the icebreaking capabilities of the United States and for other purposes.
S.1657*	To amend the provisions of law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes.
S.1659	To return unused or reclaimed funds made available for broadband awards in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Treasury of the United States.
S.1663	To direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a competitive grant program to promote domestic regional tourism.
S.1665*	To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.1678	To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to permit eligible fishermen to approve certain limited access privilege programs, and for other purposes.
S.1695	To require accurate disclosures to consumers of the terms and conditions of 4G service and other advanced wireless mobile broadband service.
S.1701*	To amend the Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Act of 1998, and for other purposes.
S.1717	To prevent the escapement of genetically altered salmon in the United States, and for other purposes.
S.1753	To require operators of Internet websites that provide access to international travel services and market overseas vacation destinations to provide on such websites information to consumers regarding the potential health and safety risks associated with traveling to such vacation destinations, and for other purposes.
S.1759*	To facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition.
S.1780	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens.
S.1783	To amend title 46, United States Code, to require the Maritime Administrator, in making determinations regarding the non-availability of qualified United States flag capacity to meet national defense requirements, to identify any actions that could be taken to enable such capacity to meet some or all of those requirements, and for other purposes.
S.1784	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission.
S.1817	To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission.
S.1890	To prevent forfeited fishing vessels from being transferred to private parties and for other purposes.
S.1913	To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations requiring air carriers to provide passengers with certain amenities and facilities, and for other purposes.
S.1915	To amend the Motor Carrier Safety Improvement Act of 1999 to provide clarification regarding the applicability of exemptions relating to the transportation of agricultural commodities and farm supplies, and for other purposes.
S.1916	To exclude ecosystem component stocks of fish from certain annual catch limits and for other purposes.
S.1918	To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prescribe regulations imposing a fee on air carriers that charge passengers for a first checked bag or a first carry-on bag, and for other purposes.
S.1922	To clarify the application of section 14501(d) of title 49, United States Code, to prevent the imposition of unreasonable transportation terminal fees.
S.1924	To authorize States to enforce pipeline safety requirements related to wellbores at interstate storage facilities.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.1950*	To amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes.
S.1952*	To improve hazardous materials transportation safety and for other purposes.
S.1953*	To reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development, and for other purposes.
S.1954	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for expedited security screenings for members of the Armed Forces.
S.1956**	To prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes. (P.L. 112—200)
S.1966	To direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for enrolling, activating, issuing, and renewing Transportation Worker Identification Credentials so that applicants are not required to visit a designated enrollment center more than once.
S.1968	To require the Secretary of Transportation to establish a pilot program to increase accountability with respect to outcomes of transportation investments, and for other purposes.
S.1980*	To prevent, deter, and eliminate illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing through port State measures.
S.1990	To require the Transportation Security Administration to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act.
S.1991	To establish the National Endowment for the Oceans, and for other purposes.
S.2006	To amend the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987 to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to permit Federal regulation and review of tolls and toll increases on certain surface transportation facilities, and for other purposes.
S.2008	To repeal certain provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, title 17 of the United States Code, and the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission that intervened in the television marketplace, and for other purposes.
S.2011	To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide certain port authorities, and for other purposes.
S.2012	To require that labels on children's sleepwear that indicate the sleepwear is flame resistant to include the chemical name of the flame retardant used, and for other purposes.
S.2019	To require the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to prescribe regulations to reduce helicopter noise pollution in certain residential areas, and for other purposes.
S.2021	To nullify certain regulations regarding the mandatory replacement of certain traffic signs, and for other purposes.
S.2023	To establish a safety performance rating system for motor-coach services and operations.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.2028	To amend titles 23 and 49, United States Code, to ensure that transportation and infrastructure projects carried out using Federal financial assistance are constructed with steel, iron, and manufactured goods that are produced in the United States, and for other purposes.
S.2044	A bill to require the Under Secretary for Science and Technology in the Department of Homeland Security to contract with an independent laboratory to study the health effects of backscatter x-ray machines used at airline checkpoints operated by the Transportation Security Administration and provide improved notice to airline passengers.
S.2063	To prohibit the transfer of technology developed using funding provided by the United States Government to entities of certain countries, and for other purposes.
S.2084	To require the Secretary of Transportation to establish accelerated licensing procedures to assist veterans to acquire commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes.
S.2147	To provide for research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic Ocean and for other purposes.
S.2151	To improve information security, and for other purposes.
S.2174	To exempt natural gas vehicles from certain maximum fuel economy increase standards, and for other purposes.
S.2184	To provide exclusive funding to support fisheries and the communities that rely upon them, to clear unnecessary regulatory burdens and streamline Federal fisheries management, and for other purposes.
S.2207	To require the Office of the Ombudsman of the Transportation Security Administration to appoint passenger advocates at Category X airports to assist elderly and disabled passengers who believe they have been mistreated by TSA personnel and for other purposes.
S.2214	To remove restrictions from a parcel of land situated in the Atlantic District, Accomack County, Virginia.
S.2235	To prohibit the establishment by air carriers and airport operators of expedited lines at airport screening checkpoints for specific categories of passengers, and for other purposes.
S.2279*	To amend the R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Act of 1986 to provide additional protection for the R.M.S. Titanic and its wreck site, and for other purposes.
S.2369	To establish the American Innovation Bank, to improve science and technology job training, to authorize grants for curriculum development, and for other purposes.
S.2376	To recognize and clarify the authority of the States to regulate air ambulance medical standards pursuant to their authority over the regulation of health care services within their borders, and for other purposes.
S.2388*	To reauthorize and amend the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Act of 2002, and for other purposes.
S.3227	To enable concrete masonry products manufacturers and importers to establish, finance, and carry out a coordinated program of research, education, and promotion to improve, maintain, and develop markets for concrete masonry products.
S.3251	To amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.3262	To amend the Whaling Convention Act to require the Secretary of Commerce to authorize aboriginal subsistence whaling as permitted by the regulations of the International Whaling Commission and to set aboriginal subsistence catch limits for bowhead whales in the event the Commission fails to adopt such limits, and for other purposes.
S.3263	To require the Secretary of Transportation to modify the final rule relating to flightcrew member duty and rest requirements for passenger operations of air carriers to apply to all-cargo operations of air carriers, and for other purposes.
S.3274	To direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to produce a report on enhancing the competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment, and for other purposes.
S.3291	To prohibit unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, and for other purposes.
S.3298	To amend the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 to establish the Federal Oil Spill Research Committee, and to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to include in a response plan certain planned and demonstrated investments in research relating to discharges of oil and to modify the dates by which a response plan must be updated.
S.3302	To establish an air travelers' bill of rights, to implement those rights, and for other purposes.
S.3303	To require security screening of passengers at airports to be carried out by private screening companies, and for other purposes.
S.3306	To establish a United States Boxing Commission to administer the Professional Boxing Safety Act of 1996, and for other purposes.
S.3332	To provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the United States.
S.3333	To require certain entities that collect and maintain personal information of individuals to secure such information and to provide notice to such individuals in the case of a breach of security involving such information, and for other purposes.
S.3343	To amend the Consumer Product Safety Act to require residential carbon monoxide detectors to meet the applicable ANSI/UL standard by treating that standard as a consumer product safety rule, to encourage States to require the installation of such detectors in homes, and for other purposes.
S.3371	To establish, within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, an integrated and comprehensive ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, and atmospheric research, prediction, and environmental information program to support renewable energy, and for other purposes.
S.3378	To establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.3387	To amend title 36, United States Code, to require the United States Olympic Committee to adopt a policy that requires ceremonial uniforms purchased or otherwise obtained by the Committee to be produced in the United States, and for other purposes.
S.3402	To require the Secretary of Labor to maintain a publicly available list of all employers that relocate a call center overseas, to make such companies ineligible for Federal grants or guaranteed loans, and to require disclosure of the physical location of business agents engaging in customer service communications, and for other purposes.
S.3410*	To extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement With Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes.
S.3422	To prohibit the sale of billfish and for other purposes.
S.3424	To prohibit the sale of billfish.
S.3433	To require a radio spectrum inventory of bands managed by the Federal Communications Commission and the National Telecommunications & Information Administration.
S.3502	To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit rental of motor vehicles under a safety recall because of a defect related to motor vehicle safety or noncompliance with an applicable motor vehicle safety standard until the defect or noncompliance is remedied, and for other purposes.
S.3516	To encourage spectrum licenses to make unused spectrum available for use by rural and smaller carriers in order to expand wireless coverage.
S.3537	To require all recreational vessels to have and post passenger capacity limits and for other purposes.
S.3542**	To authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes. (P.L. 112—218)
S.3569	To improve the enforcement of criminal and civil law with respect to cloud computing, and for other purposes.
S.3570	To provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel in the navigable waters of the United States.
S.3584	To reauthorize the National Integrated Drought Information System, and for other purposes.
S.3613	To promote research, monitoring, and observation of the Arctic and for other purposes.
S.3615	To enhance national seafood marketing efforts through the creation of a National Seafood Marketing and Development Fund, Regional Seafood Marketing Boards and a National Coordinating Committee and for other purposes.
S.3640	To amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration, to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations, and for other purposes.
S.3656	To repeal an obsolete provision in title 49, United States Code, requiring motor vehicle insurance cost reporting.

Number	Title as Introduced
S.3661	To reaffirm and amend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010, and for other purposes.
S.3691	To minimize the economic and social costs resulting from losses of life, property, well-being, business activity, and economic growth associated with extreme weather events by ensuring that the United States is more resilient to the impacts of extreme weather events in the short- and long-term, and for other purposes.
S.3703	To improve the ability of consumers to control their digital data usage, promote Internet use, and for other purposes.
S.3706	To amend chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the rental of motor vehicles that contain a defect related to motor vehicle safety, and for other purposes.

RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Resolutions:

Referred to Committee	7
Original measures from Committee	1
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Total	8
Reported/Discharged	4
Reported/Discharged and agreed to in the Senate	2
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**Reported/Discharged and agreed to in the Senate	

Number	Title as Introduced
S.J.Res.6*	A joint resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices.
S.Con.Res.7	A concurrent resolution supporting the Local Radio Freedom Act.
S.Res.64* ¹	An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.
S.Res.170**	A resolution honoring Admiral Thad Allen of the United States Coast Guard (Ret.) for his lifetime of selfless commitment and exemplary service to the United States.
S.Res.171	A resolution recognizing and supporting National Train Day on May 7, 2011.
S.Res.487	A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the ambush marketing adversely affects Team USA and the Olympic and Paralympic Movements and should not be condoned.
S.Res.558**	A resolution congratulating the athletes from the State of Nevada and throughout the United States who participated in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games as members of the United States Olympic and Paralympic Teams.
S.Res.559	A resolution honoring Rear Admiral Jonathan W. Bailey for his lifetime of selfless commitment and exemplary service to the United States.

¹S.Res.64 was the Committee's only original measure during the 112th Congress.

B. Nominations

There were 1,274 presidential nominations referred to the Committee during the 112th Congress.

Referred	1,274
Confirmed	1,268
Returned to the President upon adjournment of Congress	4
Withdrawn by the President	2
Department of Commerce	
Secretary of Commerce	1
Assistant Secretary of Commerce	1
Deputy Secretary of Commerce	2
Under Secretary for Economic Affairs	1
Total	5
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	
Chief Scientist	1
Total	1
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps	
Rear Admiral	1
Rear Admiral, lower half	3
Captain	5
Commander	7
Lieutenant Commander	7
Lieutenant	30
Lieutenant (junior grade)	47
Ensign	34
Total	134
Department of Transportation	
Under Secretary for Policy	1
Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration	1
Total	2
Surface Transportation Board	
Member	1
Total	1
Coast Guard	
Vice Admiral	8
Rear Admiral, upper half	15
Rear Admiral, lower half	11
Captain	154
Commander	292
Lieutenant Commander	571
Lieutenant	12
Total	1,063
Coast Guard Reserve	
Captain	44
Rear Admiral, upper half	2
Rear Admiral, lower half	2
Total	48
Executive Office of the President	
Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy	2
Total	2

Amtrak Board of Directors	
Director	3
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Total	3
Consumer Product Safety Commission	
Commissioner	1
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Total	1
Federal Communications Commission	
Member	3
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Total	3
Federal Maritime Commission	
Commissioner	5
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Total	5
Federal Trade Commission	
Commissioner	3
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Total	3
National Transportation Safety Board	
Member	1
Chair	1
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Total	2
Marine Mammal Commission	
Member	1
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Total	1

1. EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES

The Committee was referred nominations for the Executive Office of the President, Department of Commerce, and Department of Transportation. The Executive Office of the President received two nominations for the position of Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy: one nomination was returned to the President, and the other confirmed by the Senate. The Department of Commerce received five nominations, all of which were confirmed by the Senate with the exception of one nomination for Deputy Secretary of Commerce and one nomination for Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which were withdrawn by the President. Two nominations for positions at the Department of Transportation were received; both were confirmed by the Senate.

2. NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION COMMISSIONED OFFICER CORPS

The Committee was referred 134 nominations for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Commissioned Officer Corps positions. Of these, 47 were for Lieutenant (junior grade) and 34 were for Ensign. All nominations were confirmed.

3. COAST GUARD AND COAST GUARD RESERVE

There were a total of 1,111 nominations referred to the Committee for appointments to Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve positions. These nominations included 571 nominations to Coast

Guard Lieutenant Commander and 292 nominations to Commander. Other positions included Rear Admiral, Captain, Lieutenant, and Vice Admiral. One nomination for Rear Admiral was returned to the President. All others were confirmed by the Senate.

4. COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS

Nominations for membership on boards and commissions were received as follows: Amtrak Board of Directors (3); Consumer Product Safety Commission (1); Federal Communications Commission (3); Federal Maritime Commission (5); Federal Trade Commission (3); National Transportation Safety Board (2); Surface Transportation Board (1); and the Marine Mammal Commission (1). One Federal Maritime Commission nomination and the sole Consumer Product Safety Commission nomination were returned to the President. The 17 other nominations were confirmed by the Senate.

C. Full Committee

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The Committee scheduled 10, but held 9, Executive Sessions during the 112th Congress. Dates and agendas are below.

February 17, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- Rules and Budget Resolution for the Committee

March 17, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Kathryn D. Sullivan, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce
- Nomination of Frances M.D. Gulland, to be a Member of the Marine Mammal Commission
- Nomination of Ann D. Begeman, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board
- Nomination of Mario Cordero, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner
- Nomination of Philip E. Coyle, III, to be Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy
- Nomination of Rebecca F. Dye, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner (Reappointment)
- Nominations for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

May 5, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- S.46, Coral Reef Conservation Amendments Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–210)
- S.52, International Fisheries Stewardship and Enforcement Act (Senate Report 112–132)
- S.275, Pipeline Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–30)

- S.363, A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes (Senate Report 112–133)
- S.453, Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–93)
- S.485, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve Boundary Modification Act (Senate Report 112–134)
- S.646, Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–150)
- S.692, National Hurricane Research Initiative Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–266)
- Nomination of Scott C. Doney to be Chief Scientist of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Nomination for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

June 8, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- S.50, Commercial Seafood Consumer Protection Act (Senate Report 112–131)
- S.179, Gulf of the Farallones and Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuaries Boundary Modification and Protection Act (Senate Report 112–149)
- S.183, Deepwater Horizon Survivors’ Fairness Act (Senate Report 112–245)
- S.911, Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act (Senate Report 112–260)
- S.962, Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Reauthorization Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–151)
- Nomination for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

October 6, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of John Edgar Bryson, to be Secretary of Commerce
- Nominations for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

November 2, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- S.1119, Trash Free Seas Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–161)
- S.1307, A bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey real property, including improvements, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Ketchikan, Alaska, and for other purposes (Senate Report 112–239)

- S.1401, Pacific Salmon Stronghold Conservation Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–140)
- S.1430, Maritime Administration Authorization Act of 2012 (Senate Report 112–99)
- S.1657, Sport Fish Restoration and Recreational Boating Safety Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–141)
- S.1665, Coast Guard Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013 (Senate Report 112–135)
- S.1701, Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–237)
- S.1759, America’s Cup Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–246)
- Nomination of Michael A. Khouri, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Albert DiClemente, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Robert L. Sumwalt, III, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board (Reappointment)
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

December 8, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Rebecca M. Blank, to be Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce
- Nomination of Jon D. Leibowitz, to be a Member of the Federal Trade Commission (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Maureen K. Ohlhausen, to be a Member of the Federal Trade Commission
- Nomination of Ajit Varadaraj Pai, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission
- Nomination of Jessica Rosenworcel, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission

December 14, 2011 — Consider and approve the following:

- S.1449, Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Improvement Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–261)
- S.1950, Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Enhancement Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–238)
- S.1952, Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–162)
- S.1953, Research and Innovative Technology Administration Reauthorization Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–236)
- Nominations for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

July 31, 2012 — Consider and approve the following:

- S.1956, European Union Emissions Trading Scheme Prohibition Act of 2011 (Senate Report 112–195)
- S.1980, Pirate Fishing Elimination Act (Senate Report 112–255)

- S.2279, R.M.S. Titanic Maritime Memorial Preservation Act of 2012 (Senate Report 112–247)
- S.2388, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps Amendments Act of 2012 (Senate Report 112–256)
- S.3410, A bill to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement with Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006, and for other purposes (Senate Report 112–248)
- Nomination of William P. Doyle, to be a Commissioner at the Federal Maritime Commission
- Nomination of Michael P. Huerta, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration
- Nomination of Patricia K. Falcone, to be Associate Director of National Security and International Affairs for the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Executive Office of the President
- Nominations for Promotion in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Officer Corps

*December 19, 2012*¹ — Consider and approve the following:

- Nomination of Mark Doms, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs, Department of Commerce
- Nomination of Marietta S. Robinson, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission
- Nomination of Polly Ellen Trottenberg, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy, Department of Transportation
- Nomination of Mignon L. Clyburn, to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission (Reappointment)
- Nomination of Joshua D. Wright, to be a Commissioner at the Federal Trade Commission
- Nomination of Christopher R. Beall, to be a Director on the Amtrak Board of Directors
- Nomination of Yvonne B. Burke, to be a Director on the Amtrak Board of Directors
- Nominations for Promotion in the Coast Guard

¹Quorum was not achieved, so no nominations were reported on this date. The above nominations were passed by the Senate on January 1, 2013.

D. Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Cantwell (Chairman), Inouye, Boxer, Nelson, Lautenberg, Klobuchar, Udall, Warner, and Begich; Republicans—Senators Thune (Ranking), DeMint, Wicker, Isakson, Blunt, Boozman, Toomey, and Heller.

The Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security dedicated its energy during the 112th Congress to modernizing and enhancing the safety of air travel. H.R.658, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the

Federal Aviation Administration for fiscal years 2011 through 2014, to streamline programs, create efficiencies, reduce waste, and improve aviation safety and capacity, to provide stable funding for the national aviation system, and for other purposes, is a comprehensive package that will overhaul and improve many current systems (P.L. 112—95). S.1335, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide rights for pilots, and for other purposes, updates the process to appeal airman certificate actions (P.L. 112—153).

The Subcommittee emphasized the importance of rights for both consumers and employees in the airline industry. H.R.3670, a bill to require the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to comply with the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, protects the civilian jobs of TSA employees in the event that they are called into active duty (P.L. 112—171). S.3542, a bill to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to modify screening requirements for checked baggage arriving from preclearance airports, and for other purposes, grants the TSA authority to waive re-screening requirements for checked baggage to simplify the security process for bags already screened (P.L. 112—218). H.R.6328, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations, and for other purposes, shares unclaimed clothing with homeless or needy veterans and veteran families (P.L. 112—271).

S.1956, a bill that gives the Secretary of Transportation the authority to prohibit operators of civil aircraft of the United States from participating in the European Union's emissions trading scheme, and for other purposes, was enacted into law on November 27, 2012 (P.L. 112—200).

This Subcommittee contributed to six hearings and one field hearing during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
May 24, 2011	Air Traffic Control Safety Oversight
July 28, 2011	Aviation Fuels: Needs, Challenges, and Alternatives
October 24, 2011 ¹	The Aviation Workforce: Industry and Labor Perspectives on Training Needs and Challenges
November 9, 2011*	Securing Our Nation's Transportation System: Oversight of TSA's Current Efforts
March 20, 2012	Commercial Airline Safety Oversight
June 6, 2012*	The European Union's Emissions Trading System
July 18, 2012	The Global Competitiveness of the U.S. Aviation Industry: Addressing Competition Issues to Maintain U.S. Leadership in the Aerospace Market
*Full Committee hearing.	

¹Field hearing held in Seattle, Washington at the Museum of Flight.

E. Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Kerry (Chairman), Inouye, Boxer, Nelson, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall, Warner, and Begich; Republicans—Senators DeMint (Ranking), Snowe, Thune, Wicker, Isakson, Blunt, Boozman, Toomey, Rubio, Ayotte, and Heller.

Public safety and wireless communications were a priority for the Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet during the 112th Congress. The provisions of Senator Rockefeller’s public safety spectrum legislation, S.911, bipartisan legislation to strengthen public safety and to enhance wireless communications, with some modification, were enacted as title VI of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (H.R.3630, a bill to provide incentives for the creation of jobs, and for other purposes) (P.L. 112—96). The law allocates the 700 MHz D-block of spectrum to public safety and authorizes and funds the creation of an interoperable, nationwide wireless broadband public safety network for first responders. It also provides the Federal Communications Commission with the authority to hold voluntary incentive auctions, which both promote efficient commercial spectrum use and provide a revenue stream for public safety to build out its nationwide network. Passage of S.911 marked the most significant telecommunications legislation in 15 years and fulfilled one of the last remaining substantial recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

This Subcommittee contributed to six hearings during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
February 16, 2011*	Safeguarding Our Future: Building a Nationwide Network for First Responders
April 5, 2011*	Closing the Digital Divide: Connecting Native Nations and Communities to the 21st Century
October 12, 2011*	Universal Service Reform: Bringing Broadband to All Americans
April 24, 2012*	The Emergence of Online Video: Is It The Future?
May 16, 2012*	Oversight of the Federal Communications Commission
July 24, 2012*	The Cable Act at 20

*Full Committee hearing.

F. Subcommittee on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Export Promotion

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Klobuchar (Chairman), Kerry, Cantwell, Pryor, Udall, Warner, and Begich; Republicans—Senators Blunt (Ranking), DeMint, Thune, Boozman, Ayotte, and Heller.

This Subcommittee contributed to seven hearings and one field hearing during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 2, 2011*	The Future of American Manufacturing: Maintaining America's Competitive Edge
April 5, 2011	Tourism in America: Removing Barriers and Promoting Growth
May 11, 2011*	Manufacturing Our Way to a Stronger Economy
June 27, 2011* ²	Making It in America: Innovate Locally, Export Globally
November 17, 2011	Tourism in America: Moving Our Economy Forward
April 17, 2012	Promoting American Competitiveness: Filling Jobs Today And Training Workers For Tomorrow
July 12, 2012*	Medication and Performance-Enhancing Drugs in Horse Racing
August 1, 2012*	Marketplace Fairness: Leveling the Playing Field for Small Business

*Full Committee hearing.

²Field hearing held in Charleston, West Virginia at the Robert C. Byrd Courthouse and Federal Building.

G. Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Pryor (Chairman), Kerry, Boxer, McCaskill, Klobuchar, and Udall; Republicans—Senators Toomey (Ranking), Thune, Boozman, Wicker, and Heller.

The Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Insurance worked to ensure the safety of a wide range of consumer products. H.R.2715, a bill to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws, and for other purposes, amended problematic provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 to apply the limit on lead content in children's products after the effective date and with adequate exceptions granted for certain products (P.L. 112—28).

Transportation safety is addressed in H.R.4348, a bill to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, and for other purposes (P.L. 112—141).

H.R.4348, known as MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act), incorporates S.1449, a bill to authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes. S.1449 was reported favorably out of Committee and reauthorizes and updates the highway safety programs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This surface transportation package enhances the role of safety authorities, improves transparency and accountability in transportation safety, and improves vehicle safety standards. It also improves State safety grant programs and establishes a program to combat distracted driving.

The Subcommittee also tackled the need for consumer protection on the Internet in S.3410, a bill to extend the Undertaking Spam, Spyware, And Fraud Enforcement with Enforcers beyond Borders Act of 2006 (U.S. SAFE WEB Act). S.3410 was reported out of Committee, and the companion bill, H.R.6131, was enacted (P.L. 112—203). This law continues to grant the Federal Trade Commission the appropriate enforcement tools to pursue fraud perpetrated against U.S. citizens by foreign operators.

This Subcommittee contributed to seven hearings and one field hearing during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 16, 2011*	The State of Online Consumer Privacy
May 19, 2011	Consumer Privacy and Protection in the Mobile Marketplace
June 29, 2011*	Privacy and Data Security: Protecting Consumers in the Modern World
July 27, 2011	Improving Highway and Vehicle Safety: Reauthorization of NHTSA
August 10, 2011* ³	Fighting Drunk Driving: Lessons Learned in New Mexico
December 6, 2011	Contaminated Drywall: Current Health, Housing and Product Safety Issues Facing Homeowners
May 9, 2012*	The Need for Privacy Protections: Perspectives from the Administration and the Federal Trade Commission
June 28, 2012*	The Need for Privacy Protections: Is Industry Self-Regulation Adequate?

*Full Committee hearing.

³Field hearing held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the University of New Mexico School of Law.

H. Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Begich (Chairman), Inouye, Kerry, Nelson, Cantwell, Lautenberg, Klobuchar, and Warner; Republicans—Senators Snowe (Ranking), Wicker, Isakson, Boozman, Rubio, Ayotte, and Heller.

The Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 was enacted on December 12, 2012 (126 Stat. 1540; P.L. 112—213).

This comprehensive legislation authorizes the Coast Guard's funding and personnel levels for two fiscal years, enhances the Coast Guard's acquisition authorities, and refines the Coast Guard's authorities relating to its ice operations mission. Several bills reported by the Committee, or otherwise under the Committee's jurisdiction, were passed as part of the reconciled Coast Guard authorization bill, H.R.2838, that was the basis of that Act.

S.1119, a bill to reauthorize and improve the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act, and for other purposes, was enacted into law as title VI of that Act (P.L. 112—213). S.1496, a bill to prohibit the delegation by the United States of inspection, certification, and related services to a foreign classification society that provides comparable services to Iran, North Korea, North Sudan, or Syria, and for other purposes, was enacted into law as section 304 of that Act (P.L. 112—213). S.1620, a bill to ensure the icebreaking capabilities of the United States and for other purposes, was enacted into law as section 222 of that Act (P.L. 112—213). H.R.2839, a bill to suppress the threat of piracy on the high seas, and for other purposes, was enacted into law as title V of that Act (P.L. 112—213).

In addition, S.3251, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to Mille Lacs Lake, Minnesota, and for other purposes, was enacted into law as section 708 of that Act (P.L. 112—213).

H.R.2706, a bill to prohibit the sale of billfish was enacted into law (P.L. 112—183). S.363, a bill to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes, was enacted into law (P.L. 112—134).

S.1657, a bill to amend the provisions of law relating to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes, was enacted into law as title IV of division C of the Moving ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (126 Stat. 841).

This Subcommittee contributed to nine hearings and three field hearings during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 8, 2011	Implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
April 13, 2011	FY 2012 NOAA Budget Request and Oversight
June 23, 2011	The U.S. Coast Guard Budget and Oversight
July 20, 2011	Looking to the Future: Lessons in Prevention, Response, and Restoration from the Gulf Oil Spill
July 27, 2011	Defending U.S. Economic Interests in the Changing Arctic: Is There a Strategy?
August 12, 2011 ⁴	Keeping the Coast Guard "Always Ready" in Alaska
October 3, 2011 ^{*5}	Review of Massachusetts Fishery Management Plans
November 16, 2011	Weathering Change: Need for Continued Innovation in Forecasting and Prediction
December 15, 2011	Environmental Risks of Genetically Engineered Fish
March 7, 2012	The President's Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Proposals for the Coast Guard and NOAA
May 17, 2012	Stemming the Tide: The U.S. Response to Tsunami Generated Marine Debris

Date	Title
October 11, 2012* ⁶	Preparing for Offshore Drilling in the Arctic: Lessons Learned From the First Season
*Full Committee hearing.	
⁴ Field hearing held in Anchorage, Alaska at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.	
⁵ Field hearing held in Boston, Massachusetts at the Massachusetts State House.	
⁶ Field hearing held in Anchorage, Alaska at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.	

I. Subcommittee on Science and Space

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Nelson (Chairman), Inouye, Kerry, Nelson, Cantwell, Pryor, and Warner; Republicans—Senators Boozman (Ranking), Wicker, Rubio, Ayotte, and Heller.

Legislation pending in the Subcommittee on Science and Space ran the gamut of topical issues. Cybersecurity was a preeminent concern in the 112th Congress: the Subcommittee oversaw the referral of S.372, a bill to reduce the ability of terrorists, spies, criminals, and other malicious actors to compromise, disrupt, damage, and destroy computer networks, critical infrastructure, and key resources, and for other purposes; S.1152, a bill to advance cybersecurity research, development, and technical standards, and for other purposes; and S.3414, a bill to enhance the security and resiliency of the cyber and communications infrastructure of the United States. The Subcommittee also helped develop legislation focusing on forensic science issues. S.3378, a bill to establish scientific standards and protocols across forensic disciplines, and for other purposes, aims to improve, expand, and coordinate Federal research in forensic sciences.

The Subcommittee shepherded several pieces of legislation intended to increase cooperation with other nations or commemorate prominent officials in the science and space industries. S.3661, a bill to reaffirm and amend the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Authorization Act of 2010, and for other purposes, passed as H.R.6586 (a bill to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014) (P.L. 112—273). The law extends commercial space launch indemnification for a year and allows for greater cooperation with Russia for human spaceflight and international space activities. S.Res.610, a resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Graduate Research Fellowship Program of the National Science Foundation, was passed in the Senate. H.R.4158, a bill to confirm full ownership rights for certain United States astronauts to artifacts from the astronauts' space missions, grants all astronauts who participated in the Mercury, Gemini, or Apollo programs clear title to any expendable item they received at the completion of their mission (P.L. 112—185). A resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the historic achievement of John Herschel Glenn, Jr., in becoming the first United States astronaut to orbit the Earth, S.Res.377, was passed in the Senate and honors Glenn's landmark mission and the significance of his achievement as a catalyst for space exploration and scientific advancement in the Nation. S.Res.547 passed in the Senate and hon-

ors the life of pioneering astronaut Dr. Sally Ride and expressed the condolences of the Senate on her death.

The Subcommittee also focused on legislation to study and mitigate the risk of and potential destruction from natural disasters: S.646, a bill to reauthorize Federal natural hazards reduction programs, and for other purposes; and S.692, a bill to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative, and for other purposes. Both bills were reported by the Committee.

This Subcommittee contributed to 15 hearings during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 15, 2011*	Realizing NASA's Potential: Programmatic Challenges in the 21st Century
March 17, 2011	Investing in Federal R&D
May 3, 2011*	America's Natural Disaster Preparedness: Are Federal Investments Paying Off?
May 18, 2011	Contributions of Space to National Imperatives
July 14, 2011	The National Nanotechnology Investment: Manufacturing, Commercialization, and Job Creation
November 17, 2011	NASA's Human Space Exploration: Direction, Strategy, and Progress
December 7, 2011*	Turning the Investigation on the Science of Forensics
December 8, 2011*	ICANN's Expansion of Top Level Domains
March 6, 2012	Keeping America Competitive Through Investments in R&D
March 7, 2012*	Priorities, Plans, and Progress of the Nation's Space Program
March 28, 2012	The Science and Standards of Forensics
June 20, 2012	Risks, Opportunities, and Oversight of Commercial Space
July 25, 2012*	The International Space Station: A Platform for Research, Collaboration, and Discovery
September 12, 2012*	The Path from LEO to Mars
September 19, 2012*	Five Years of the America COMPETES Act: Progress, Challenges, and Next Steps

*Full Committee hearing.

J. Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

Members during the 112th Congress: Democrats—Senators Lautenberg (Chairman), Inouye, Kerry, Boxer, Cantwell, Pryor, McCaskill, Klobuchar, Udall, Warner, and Begich; Republicans—Senators Wicker (Ranking), DeMint, Thune, Isakson, Blunt, Boozman, Toomey, Rubio, Ayotte, and Heller.

Several transportation-related bills reported by the Committee were later enacted, with modifications, as part of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21, 126 Stat. 405). S.1950, a bill to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and

reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and for other purposes, was enacted, with modifications, as title II of division C of MAP-21 (126 Stat. 776). S.453, a bill that improves the safety of commercial over-the-road motorcoach operations by addressing the predominant factors impacting safety (to wit, the condition of the vehicle, the qualifications and physical condition of the driver, and the safety practices of the motorcoach company) was enacted, with modifications, as subtitle G of title II of MAP-21 (126 Stat. 809).

S.1952, a bill that reauthorizes Federal hazardous materials transportation safety programs under management of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the Department of Transportation for fiscal years 2012 through 2013, was enacted, with modifications, as title III of division C of MAP-21 (126 Stat. 832). The programs provide safety oversight of the transportation of hazardous materials throughout the Nation's transportation networks. S.1953, a bill that reauthorizes the Federal research and data collection programs under the management of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration of the Department of Transportation for fiscal years 2012 and 2013, was enacted, with modifications, in division E of MAP-21 (126 Stat. 864).

In addition, S.2084, a bill to require the Secretary of Transportation to establish accelerated licensing procedures to assist veterans to acquire commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes, was referred to the Committee and later enacted, with modifications, as part of subtitle C of title II of division C of MAP-21 (126 Stat. 794).

S.3624, a bill to permit States to issue a commercial driver's license to a member of the Armed Forces whose duty station is located in the State, was enacted on October 19, 2012 (P.L. 112—196; 126 Stat. 1459). Also, S.Res.438, a resolution to support the goals and ideals of National Safe Digging Month passed the Senate on April 25, 2012.

S.1966, a bill to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to reform the process for enrolling, activating, issuing, and renewing Transportation Worker Identification Credentials so that applicants are not required to visit a designated enrollment center more than once, was enacted on December 20, 2012, as part of H.R.2838, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (P.L. 112—213).

The Committee also reported S.1430, a bill that authorizes the Maritime Administration and certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, which was enacted, with modifications, as title IV of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2012 (126 Stat. 1569). Title IV of that Act included, among other things, authorization of appropriations for national security aspects of the merchant marine for fiscal year 2013, maritime environmental and technical assistance, authority for Federal entities to transfer vessels to the National Defense Reserve Fleet without reimbursement, and requirement for completion of barge design. Another aspect of S.1430, the extension of the Maritime Security Fleet program, was enacted, with modifications, under section 3508 of title XXXV of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (126 Stat. 1632).

S.275, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for enhanced safety and environmental protection in pipeline transportation, to provide for enhanced reliability in the transportation of the Nation's energy products by pipeline, and for other purposes, passed in the Senate on October 17, 2011. The Committee pre-conferenced with the House of Representatives and many provisions of S.275 were incorporated into H.R.2845, which was enacted on January 3, 2012 (P.L. 112—90; 125 Stat. 1904).

This Subcommittee contributed to 11 hearings and 1 field hearing during the 112th Congress.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
March 8, 2011*	Review of the Department of Transportation Fiscal Year 2012 Budget
March 30, 2011	Ensuring the Safety of Our Nation's Motorcoach Passengers
May 10, 2011*	Are Our Nation's Ports Secure? Examining the Transportation Worker Identification Credential Program
June 14, 2011*	Emerging Threats to Rail Security
July 20, 2011*	Building American Transportation Infrastructure Through Innovative Funding
July 21, 2011	Making Our Roads Safer: Reauthorization of the Motor Carrier Safety Programs
September 14, 2011	Moving Intercity Passenger Rail Into the Future
October 18, 2011	Pipeline Safety Since San Bruno and Other Recent Incidents
March 1, 2012*	Oversight of the Cruise Ship Industry: Are Current Regulations Sufficient to Protect Passengers and the Environment?
April 11, 2012* ⁷	Shale Gas Development: Meeting the Transportation, Pipeline, and Rail Needs to Renew American Manufacturing
April 18, 2012	Protecting Commuters: Ensuring Accountability and Oversight in Tolling
December 6, 2012	Superstorm Sandy: The Devastating Impact on the Nation's Largest Transportation Systems

*Full Committee hearing.

⁷Field hearing held in Fairmont, West Virginia at the Robert H. Mollohan Research Center.

K. Oversight and Investigations

During the 112th Congress, consumer protection continued to be a priority for the Office of Oversight and Investigations. The Office used its investigatory tools to examine several industries and practices that were harming American consumers, including an investigation into unauthorized charges on telephone bills and abusive practices in the household goods moving industry. Through these investigations, the Office reviewed over 4.2 million pages worth of documents, interviewed over 1,500 consumers and witnesses, and sent 659 letters and requests for information.

The Office investigated unauthorized third-party charges on wireline telephone bills, known as "cramming." As part of its inves-

tigation, the Office reviewed millions of pages of documents requested from the three major telephone companies — AT&T, Verizon, and CenturyLink — and several third-party vendors. These materials revealed that cramming has resulted in billions of dollars in financial harm over the past decade and has harmed all types of wireline telephone customers, from residences and small businesses to government agencies and large companies. Following a full Committee hearing and the release of a majority staff report on the findings of the investigation, several companies made voluntary changes to curtail cramming on wireline telephone bills. These changes have been beneficial to consumers. Additionally, State and Federal law enforcement agencies are using the results of the investigation to initiate civil and criminal investigations of their own.

Responding to continued consumer complaints about household moving companies, Chairman Rockefeller directed the Office to investigate consumer complaints that moving companies refuse to deliver consumers' possessions until they pay exorbitant fees that were not part of the original estimates for their moves, a practice commonly referred to as holding household goods "hostage." After reviewing thousands of consumer complaints, the investigation uncovered a small group of brokers that operate almost exclusively on the Internet and arrange household moves, but do not actually perform them. The investigation showed that these "Internet-based moving brokers" all used similar business models that were misleading and confusing to consumers. As part of its investigation, the Office reviewed hundreds of thousands of pages of documents and interviewed dozens of consumers about their experiences. The investigation led to a full Committee hearing and the release of a report explaining the findings.

In 2011 and 2012, the Office also participated in a multi-Committee investigation into the "gray market" for short-supply prescription drugs. The two other Committee staffs participating in this investigation were the majority staff of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions and the minority staff of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. This investigation focused on a group of drug distributors that bought and sold short-supply injectable prescription drugs that hospitals and other health care providers urgently need to treat their sick patients. The main findings of this investigation, which were presented in a full Committee hearing and a majority staff report that Chairman Rockefeller released at this hearing, were that these companies' business practices were putting patients at risk and costing the U.S. health care system hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

The Office held a full Committee hearing to highlight the seriousness of concussions, especially for younger athletes, and the misleading marketing of sports equipment. The Office found that as athletes' and parents' awareness of the dangers of concussions has increased, so have the number of products marketed as "anti-concussion" or "concussion reducing." These products include helmets, mouth guards, headbands, and oral supplements. While some of these products are important pieces of safety equipment, especially helmets and mouth guards, experts have questioned whether there is sufficient scientific evidence to support the claims related

to concussions. The hearing successfully raised awareness of the risk of concussions for athletes at all levels and the reality of the ability of sports equipment to prevent or reduce this risk.

In addition to continued focus on consumer protection issues, the Office also assisted the Chairman with his cybersecurity initiatives by sending letters to the Chief Executive Officers of the 500 largest companies in the United States, commonly referred to as the “Fortune 500.” The letters requested information related to each company’s views on cybersecurity and asked the companies to describe the general process by which they developed their cybersecurity practices, the Federal Government’s role in developing those practices, and the companies concerns, if any, with specific provisions of the Cybersecurity Act of 2012. The Office summarized the responses in a majority staff memorandum, which Chairman Rockefeller released publicly in January 2013.

In addition to its investigations into consumer protection issues, the Office also actively engaged in oversight of the Federal agencies under the Committee’s jurisdiction. For example, the Office extensively investigated the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s (NASA) apparent failure to implement certain provisions of the NASA Authorization Act of 2010. This investigation included the review of thousands of e-mails and other documents created by senior decision makers at NASA (including the NASA Administrator himself) and at the Office of Management and Budget. After NASA refused to voluntarily provide some of these documents to the Committee, Chairman Rockefeller issued a subpoena on July 27, 2011, to compel their production.

The Committee contributed to four oversight-related hearings during the 112th Congress. In addition, the Committee held a forum on July 12, 2011, regarding the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act.

HEARINGS:

Date	Title
July 13, 2011*	Unauthorized Charges on Telephone Bills: Why Crammers Win and Consumers Lose
October 19, 2011*	Concussions and the Marketing of Sports Equipment
July 25, 2012*	Short-Supply Prescription Drugs: Shining a Light on the Gray Market
September 20, 2012*	Taking Consumers for a Ride: Business Practices in the Household Goods Moving Industry

*Full Committee hearing.